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Dear Forest Stakeholders:

We would like your comments on the environmental assessment for the Revised Land and Resource Management Plan Amendment Updating Standards for Federally Listed Bat Species (LRMP Amendment) on the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests. The Forest Service is proposing to incorporate seven new standards and modify two existing standards in the 2004 Revised LRMP.

This proposed amendment is programmatic in nature and does not authorize any ground disturbing activities. This Environmental Analysis (EA) is tied to the 2004 Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) prepared for the LRMP. Site-specific analysis of effects would be conducted following the NEPA process as individual projects are proposed.

The proposed project is an activity implementing a land management plan and is subject to the pre-decisional objection process at 36 CFR 218 Subparts A and B.

The EA and supporting documents are available at the project-specific link on the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests website at:  
<http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=44342>.

These documents are also available for review at the Supervisor's Office at 1755 Cleveland Hwy, Gainesville, GA 30501. Additional information regarding this project can be obtained at this office by contacting Jimmy Rickard by phone at 770-297-3070.

## HOW TO COMMENT

The opportunity to comment ends 30 days following the publication of the legal notice in the Gainesville Times (Gainesville, Georgia). **We expect this notice to be published no later than Wednesday, July 13, 2016.** Only those who submit timely and specific written comments as defined by §218.2 regarding the proposed project or activity during a public comment period established by the responsible official are eligible to file an objection under §218.24(b)(6). For issues to be raised in objections, they must be based on previously submitted written comments regarding the proposed project or activity and attributed to the objector. The publication date of the legal notice in the newspapers of record are the exclusive means for calculating the time to submit written comments on a proposed project or activity. The time period for the opportunity to comment on a proposed project or activity to be documented with an environmental assessment shall not be extended. It is the responsibility of all individuals and organizations to ensure that their comments are received in a timely manner. Only those who respond to this request for comments will remain on the mailing list for this project.



Specific written comments must be submitted to: Betty M. Jewett, Forest Supervisor, 1755 Cleveland Hwy, Gainesville, GA 30501, fax (770-297-3025), office (770-297-3000). The office business hours for those submitting hand-delivered comments are: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Electronic comments must be submitted in a format such as an email message, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), or Word (.doc, .docx) to [comments-southern-chattahoochee-oconee@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-southern-chattahoochee-oconee@fs.fed.us). Comments may also be made directly on the Revised Land and Resource Management Plan Amendment Updating Standards for Federally Listed Bat Species (LRMP Amendment) webpage at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=44342> by selecting the "Comment on Project" link on the right-hand side of the page. For objection eligibility, each individual or representative from each entity submitting timely and specific written comments regarding the proposed project or activity must either sign the comments or verify identity upon request (§218.24(b)(8)).

Please state "Revised Land and Resource Management Plan Amendment Updating Standards for Federally Listed Bat Species (LRMP Amendment)" in the subject line when providing electronic comments, or on the envelope when replying by mail.

Sincerely,



(for) BETTY M. JEWETT  
Forest Supervisor

cc: Mike Brod, Nelson Gonzalez-Sullow, Judy Toppins, James Rickard, Ruth Stokes, Michael Joyce